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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, JO, XF
SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING--TERRORISM

1. KING HUSSEIN TOLD ME JULY 3 THAT HIS INTELLIGENCE
PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING INCREASED INFORMATION
INDICATING THAT PALESTINIAN TERRORIST THREAT MAY BE ON THE
UP-SWING. HE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR PDFLP
AS AN INCREASED THREAT.

2. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT JORDAN IS
DEFINITELY A TARGET AND RELATED THIS TO INCREASING
PUBLIC CRITICISM BY PALESTINIANS OF JORDAN. HE NOTED THAT
ASAD HAD BEEN TOLD BY ARAFAT ON JUNE 21 THAT PLO
GAINED IMPRESSION THAT JORDAN DID NOT TRUST IT.
ASAD WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE REPLIED THAT ON
BASIS OF PAST ACTIONS PLO COULD NOT ASSUME THAT
JORDAN HAD ANY REASON AT ALL TO TRUST IT. KING SAID THESE
TWO INDICATORS ARE ONLY EXAMPLES. HE HAS EVIDENCE
WHICH HE DID NOT CITE, THAT INDICATED ASSASSINATION
TEAMS ON MOTORCYCLES AND ARMED INDIVIDUALS
SUCH AS HAD RECENTLY BEEN TRIED SUCCESSFULLY IN
SYRIA WOULD ALSO BE USED IN ASSASSINATION EFFORTS IN JORDAN.
HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS JORDAN'S NEW 747
AIRCRAFT ARE TARGETTED BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST

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GROUP AND THAT HE IS OF COURSE TAKING EXCEPTIONAL
PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEM.
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